

**Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2018**

Board members present at commencement: Blayne Stansberry, Craig Smith, and Bob Larsen. Blake Dorsett was absent. Mary Stone arrived at 6:10 p.m. Staff present: Kirk Holland, Brian Smith, Vanessa Escobar, Kendall Bell-Enders, Robin Gary, and Tammy Raymond. Bill Dugat of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, and Acosta participated in the meeting. Also present were those on the attached sign-in sheet. These minutes represent a summarized version of the meeting; the complete discussion of the following items is recorded digitally.

1. Call to Order.

President Stansberry called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., noting that a quorum of the Board was present.

2. Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).

There were no comments of a general nature.

3. Routine Business.

3b. General Manager's Report. *(Note: Topics discussed in the General Manager's Report are intended for general administrative and operational information-transfer purposes. The Directors will not take any action unless the topic is specifically listed elsewhere in this agenda.)*

1. Personnel matters and utilization
2. Upcoming public events of possible interest
3. Update on aquifer conditions and status of drought indicators
4. Update on GMA and regional water planning
5. Update on status of Southwestern Travis County GCD initialization
6. Update on transportation project status and other regulatory and enforcement activities
7. Update on 2018 Cave Fest and other education and Outreach Team projects
8. Update on District grant projects and other Aquifer Science Team projects
9. Update on activities of Board committees

Mr. Holland and staff updated the Board and answered Directors' questions on the items listed above.

3. Routine Business.

- a. **Consent Agenda.** *(Note: These items may be considered and approved as one motion. Directors or citizens may request any consent item be removed from the consent agenda, for consideration and possible approval as a separate item of Regular Business on this agenda.)*

1. **Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, and Specified Expenditures greater than \$5,000.**
2. **Approval of minutes of the Board's February 8, 2018, Regular Meeting.**
3. **Approval to solicit Expressions of Interest and Qualifications for contractor support of staff counseling in human resources.**

President Stansberry stated that item 3a.3. would be moved from the consent agenda for individual discussion and possible action.

Director Smith moved approval of Consent Agenda items 1 and 2.

Director Stone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

3a.3. Approval to solicit Expressions of Interest and Qualifications for contractor support of staff counseling in human resources.

Mr. Holland explained that the UT Study pointed out that there is a need to have an objective independent resource available to the staff on an ad hoc basis. This resource would help staff with interpersonal relationships at work. He went on to say that this type of facilitated coaching is common and would be a staff benefit. We would like to solicit what types of services and options are out there, and asked for Board support to solicit expressions of interest by qualified contractors. No financial resources are needed at this time.

After discussion, Director Stone moved approval for staff to solicit contract support for outside counseling in human resources.

Director Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4 to 0.

4. Discussion and Possible Action.

4a. Discussion and possible action related to the City of Dripping Springs TPDES permit application to authorize direct discharge of treated wastewater to Onion Creek in the contributing zone of the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.

President Stansberry stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) at 7:13 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions would be made while in Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:40 p.m. President Stansberry stated that no final actions or decisions were made while in Executive Session.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, President Stansberry adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Approved by the Board on March 8, 2018

By: Blayne Stansberry Attest: Blake Dorsett
Blayne Stansberry, President Blake Dorsett, Board Secretary